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## Battling Scab Coal & Union Bureaucrats

# Coal Miners Stand Firm

Across the coal fields miners gather quietly before dawn in well disciplined groups to organize caravans to shut down the non union mines. Only a few of the miners will know where they are headed. All understand that there is serious work to be done.

At the site, the non-union members are asked not to cross picket lines and most honor the request. If the mine still tries to run, the miners will shut it down by any means necessary. The miners know that it is absolutely essential that non-union mines be shut down in order for them to win their struggle. Often this means battling with the state patrol and company goons.

Loaded coal trucks are dumped, leaving behind enormous piles of coal. Loading docks are

stopped by the combined power of 200 to 300 workers.

No where is the potential power of the working class clearer than in these well-organized and disciplined caravans.

### Miners Demand Safety

What is at stake for the 160,000 striking coal miners? They are fighting for their lives. Since 1900, one hundred thousand (100,000) coal miners have died in the mines. That is almost 4 miners killed each day for the last 77 years.

Now the pressure is on to increase the nation's coal output by 40%. This means speedups, unsafe working conditions and more deaths. For the miners, it is a question of life or death, of whether or not their working

conditions are going to worsen. For the coal companies, it is a question of whether or not they are going to be able to buy "labor peace" so that they can increase production and make higher profits.

The miners are demanding full health benefits, union control of safety in the mines and the right to strike if the company violates their contract.

The biggest problem that the miners have in this strike is that the trade union bureaucrats are more concerned with reaching an agreement which is acceptable to the coal operators than protecting the rights and lives of the miners. Along with the capitalists, they want "labor peace." Look at the progress of the negotiations so far and you will see

their treacherous work.

### Miller's Treachery

Last summer most miners lost full payment of their health costs because the fund was almost broke. By the last contract, the fund was tied to the productivity, 82 cents for each ton of coal mined, plus \$1.54 an hour for each miner, to be paid into the health and pension fund.

The proposal of the negotiating team this year was for "improvement" in the payment of health benefits, not full payment of benefits which are not tied to production. Miller even further compromised with the coal operators. Miller gave up the right to strike and agreed that any miners who wildcat would be fined and that fine money would be paid

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### Victory for the Masses

## All Charges Dropped Against Dawson Five



**The Dawson Five are Free!** They are free and have been partially vindicated of the unjust charges of murder and robbery lodged against them in January of 1976. Their long fought for freedom was gained on December 13, 1977. Terrell County District Attorney, John Irwin, announced he would no longer try Roosevelt Watson and the other defendants for the murder of white farm manager, Bubba Howell. He said that there was insufficient evidence. The December 10th ruling of Judge W. I. Geer to throw out a forced confession of R. Watson left the District Attorney without a case.

Geer outlawed the forced confession not on the basis of the fact that it was extracted under threats of electrocution and castration of the youth by nazi-like police and sheriff's officers. Instead he claimed the question at issue was Roosevelt Watson's intelligence. Geer argued that Mr. Watson was "mentally" incapable of understanding a "lie" detector test that was administered to him, and was not capable of understanding the questions asked of him by the police. This

bit of sophistry was worked up by Geer and Irwin to save face.

It is clear to everyone that Dawson officials and the U.S. imperialists had to back off of the charges because of the mounting pressure of the oppressed masses. The 4th of July demonstration in Dawson, the rallies in many parts of the country, and the wide publicity in the working class press forced the hand of these white chauvinist fascists and made them capitulate to the demands of the Black masses and multi-national proletariat of the U.S. to free these innocent youths.

No minor part was played in this affair by the peanut grower from Plains, Georgia, just 20 miles away. Carter was very much aware of the demands of the masses that this legal lynching be brought to a stop. Each day that it went on, his so-called "human rights" government was being exposed as Hitler's Germany or Pinochet's Chile.

The victory of the Dawson Five is by no means just a victory of five individuals and their families. This victory is the victory of

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### PLO Not to Be Dealt Out

## Sadat 'Peace' Scheme Fails

For the past two months, bourgeois newspapers and news reports have been praising to the skies the "initiative" of Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt for opening "peace" talks with the Israeli Zionists. They portray him as a man of vision, wisdom and courage. But in actuality Sadat is a renegade to the Arab cause and a lackey of U.S. imperialism who is capitulating to Israeli Zionism and attempting to sell out the just cause of the Arab peoples.

What is actually taking place in the Middle East is not the "initiative" of either Sadat or Begin. It is the maneuvers of U.S. imperialism to impose a resolution of the Mid-East crisis by forcing the Arab regimes to recognize the existence of Israel in exchange for more U.S. aid, and the return of their occupied territories. The U.S. is also attempting to squeeze out its superpower rival—the Soviet social-imperialists—and to attain complete hegemony in the Mid-East region. The U.S.'s praising and highlighting of the Sadat-Begin talks is an attempt to cover its role as the main promoter of this "peace" plan. This is borne out by Carter's and Vance's recent trips to the Middle East where their missions have been to whip their lackeys into line behind the Sadat "initiatives."



Sadat's peace scheme contains a very fatal flaw—intending to write off the PLO. No imperialist maneuver can deal them out as these young soldiers will clearly prove.

### The Palestinian Liberation Organization Will Not Be Dealt Out!

This sham U.S. "peace" scheme is based on hopes that Sadat can negotiate an overall settlement with Israel. Then it can force its other lackeys to support this settlement. This "peace" plan is a gamble on the part of Carter's administration that it can work out a settlement without including the Soviets or the PLO. It is based on the premises that it can get Israel

to make some concessions and that the recent attacks on the PLO have so weakened it that the PLO will have to accept whatever settlement is offered. These premises are the fatal flaws of this scheme.

Contrary to Carter's, Sadat's or Begin's beliefs, the primary contradiction in the Middle East remains the Palestinian question. The reactionary Arab regimes

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## Editorials

### On to the Party Congress!

In late November, the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee held a highly successful First Congress. This Congress was an extremely important event for the working and oppressed people of the United States and around the world.

The results of the First Congress will have long lasting effects on the alignment of class forces in this country. The Political Report which was delivered to the Congress correctly summed up the current situation in the class struggle and pointed the way forward for the period ahead.

The Congress held high the interests of the international proletariat when it adopted unanimously the Draft Party Program. This Program is based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, applied to the concrete conditions of the class struggle in the United States. It is a Program which is capable of being the guide to action for the multi-national proletariat in the battle for state power. The Draft Party Program will be available for mass distribution in March.

The Congress after careful consideration recommended to the proletariat a name for the new Party: Communist Party USA (Marxist-Leninist). The name reflects the revolutionary heritage of the Communist Party U.S.A. before it betrayed the interests of the working class. The name also makes it very clear that this will be a Party dedicated to the principles of Marxism-Leninism.

Through the struggle to adopt the Political Report, the Draft Party Program and the various resolutions, a solid, rock like core of class fighters was welded together. Proceeding from this unity, the Congress set before the Organization the task of going all out and aiming high in taking the Draft Party Program to the U.S. proletariat for criticism and approval. The Congress expressed deep joy, for with this Program in hand, there could be no stopping this forward march on to the Founding Congress of the Communist Party USA (Marxist-Leninist).

The Congress ended in militant unity and confirmed the belief that **Revolution Will Surely Triumph!**

UNITE! in the next several issues will excerpt and discuss several of the important documents from this First Congress of the MLOC. We strongly encourage our readers to order a copy of **Class Against Class**, number 10, the theoretical journal of the MLOC, which contains many of the documents from the Congress in their entirety. (See review on page 9).

### For the Unity of the Vietnamese and Kampuchean Peoples

Recently on the border of Vietnam and Kampuchea there have been serious armed conflicts between the two peoples. This conflict has created confusion among the world's people.

For a long time the people of the United

States have supported the just struggles of both of these strong and courageous peoples. Their victories against imperialism, and especially against U.S. imperialism, were a source of great joy for the working and oppressed people of the world.

This current armed conflict between the two peoples saddens the hearts of all progressive people who continue to wholeheartedly support the development of new democracy and socialism.

Both Vietnam and Kampuchea for many years fought against imperialism and for new democracy and socialism. Fraternal ties between the two peoples were forged in this common struggle. As a result, a sound basis was laid for the resolution of disagreements in a friendly and fraternal manner. This must be the manner in which all socialist countries and countries of new democracy settle any disagreements which exist between them.

It is in the interests of both the peoples of Kampuchea and Vietnam to end this conflict quickly and solve the disagreement through friendly talks. The people of the world call on both Vietnam and Kampuchea to pull back their troops within their own territory and place the interests of proletarian internationalism first and foremost. And we call on other socialist countries to help mediate this conflict so that it can be settled as soon as possible.

All outside interference in this conflict must be soundly condemned and ended. Conflict between the fraternal peoples must not be used to further the aims of any imperialist or reactionary government.

The revolutionary unity of the Kampuchean and Vietnamese countries and peoples must be strengthened and preserved, for this unity is in the interests of the international proletariat.

### Welcome the Bi-Monthly UNITE!

With this issue, UNITE! proudly commences twice monthly publication. With more frequent publication, UNITE! will provide more timely Marxist-Leninist coverage of the class struggle.

As part of its expanded coverage, UNITE! will begin special features. One of these is a supplement on the 15th of each month covering a topic in depth. The February supplement will be the "Alignment of Class Forces in 1977".

Another important feature will be the publication of excerpts and commentaries on the Draft Party Program enabling our readers to carefully study the new Program.

UNITE! has also introduced significant changes in format. From the masthead to the slogan on the back page, these changes sharply reflect the epoch we live in and the tasks at hand for the working class.

This year we will see a great surge in the struggle of the proletariat and its allies. The staff of UNITE! is dedicated to making the paper a more powerful weapon of class struggle. We call on our readers to help build UNITE! Continue to send letters and reports on the class struggle. Help us build the financial base of UNITE! Send contributions! Buy subscriptions! Sell the Paper! **UNITE! for Still Greater Victories!**

### Houston Women's Conference Showcase for the Bourgeoisie

The First National Women's Conference held November 18-20 of 1977 was the culmination of five years of planning by the government appointed National Commission on International Women's Day. The Conference effectively excluded low income women and women in industry and production who are in no position to take off work. The Conference clearly reflected the move by government and corporate forces to co-opt and capitalize on the women's movement by financing liberal, reformist and ultra conservative women's actions.

The purpose of the National Commission, established in 1975 by Gerald Ford, was "to determine the barriers which prohibit women from fully participating in the life of the nation." **Five million dollars** was appropriated to fund 56 state and territorial conferences and the National Conference in Houston.

The real purpose was to serve as a showcase, to give the illusion that the U.S. bourgeoisie advocates equal rights for women.

Exploiting the anger and fear of women over the social degeneration of the family, culture, and education under the crumbling capitalist system, the reactionaries at the Conference promoted fascist responses to issues such as abortion and integration at a time when the government is responding to the crisis in imperialism by cutting back funds for abortion, child care, school programs, etc. In response, the reformists call for more federally funded solutions. **Both** support the capitalist system. **Both** divert the struggle of the masses of women from revolutionary struggle.

(From this Conference we can learn that) working women must take the lead and link women's struggles to the overthrow of the bourgeoisie.

Excerpts from a letter written by a correspondent.



## Letters to the Editor

### A Real Weapon

Dear Comrades and Friends,

Recently a comrade was going through newspapers which he reads. I noticed a copy of "The Call" and "Revolution", newspapers of the CP(M-L) and the RCP, USA. I didn't know either group existed and wanted to compare them to UNITE!, which I have been reading for ten months.

Neither newspaper serves the working class and oppressed peoples. "The Call" does not depend on its contact with the masses. Instead of a network amongst the masses, the CP(M-L) relies on the United States government to distribute its newspaper. In turn it supplies the government with a list of its readers. This directly informs on our political activity to the United States bourgeoisie, our greatest enemy.

"Revolution" has a firm national chauvinist position. The RCP, USA in its opportunism, rewrites history and explains away facts in order to suit the bourgeoisie. Even a superficial drive through the Mississippi Delta makes clear the existence and oppression of the Black Nation in the Black Belt. Let alone if you grow up and live here all your life! Nowhere do they speak of my Nation and its unity with the multinational proletariat.

Both papers speak of the fascist brutality of the police and the KKK. Both report on strikes and other resistance of the working class. Here in the Mississippi Delta this is every day life. Too many of us accept this as something we have to learn to live with. But does "The Call" or "Revolution" deal with this pass-

ivity? No! They don't explain why these things happen, who is behind it, and what to do. They just describe what we already know. They don't speak of the bourgeoisie, revolution, and military preparations. They teach us to rely on our own bourgeoisie to supposedly stop imperialist war.

Their approach is that of intellectuals, or students, who for the first time see the brutality of the bourgeoisie. They think by describing what is everyday life for us, and is "shocking" to them that they do us a service. "The Call" and "Revolution" are like fancy doors they invite us in, but do not convince, mobilize, train or organize us for what is beyond these doors.

But does this mean that all is lost? Not at all. We have a sharp weapon in class struggle—UNITE! It has no ties with the bourgeoisie. It militantly organizes people for revolution by clear, scientific persuasion. It makes me know that the bourgeoisie would have me born to work and then die for their profit. It makes me know that Black and white workers live a common life of exploitation and oppression under capitalism. It makes me know how to make revolution that will free us all!

I know as a Black man that I have been raised a beast of burden to be used in any way by the capitalist, I have only this to lose and all the world to gain. I salute and hail the bimonthly publication of UNITE! I welcome the chance to take revolution more frequently to my Black peoples. We will surely triumph!

From J  
Mississippi Delta

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## Tense Situation in Europe

# Carter Exploits Inter-Imperialist Contradictions

On January 7th, President Carter returned to Washington from a seven day, three continent trip to Poland, India, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, France and Belgium. This trip, and the one scheduled for late March to several countries in Africa and Latin America, was originally planned for last November (See UNITE!, Nov 1977, Vol 3, number 10). Preparing for the trip, the US bourgeoisie began to hail a new "Carter Doctrine" and proclaim a major shift in US foreign policy.

The Carter trip points to a complicated international situation. US foreign policy in Europe, the focus for the trip, is a carefully crafted scheme to deal with inter-imperialist contradictions in the most beneficial way for US imperialism. Carter's statement is revealing: "Our foreign policy has to go beyond a single minded concentration either on rivalry with the Soviet Union or purely on collaboration with the Atlantic world. There are now in the world countries that play important roles, either regionally, politically or internationally, which until recently were only played by the European powers, and in more recent history, by the Soviet Union" (US News and World Report, Dec 27, 1977, p 12).

The importance of Asia, Africa and Latin America to US imperialism is immense. Carter's statement simply reaffirms that. As was pointed out in "Revolution Will Surely Triumph!", the essential prize for the US is the raw materials of Asia, Africa and Latin America. \* Without this plunder, the increas-

ingly resource-poor US cannot manage to fuel the factories at home.

The question of Mid-East oil is itself a question of control of Europe. In the Mid-East today, US imperialist domination is unrivaled by any other imperialist power (See the article "Sadat Peace Scheme Fails", page 1, this issue).

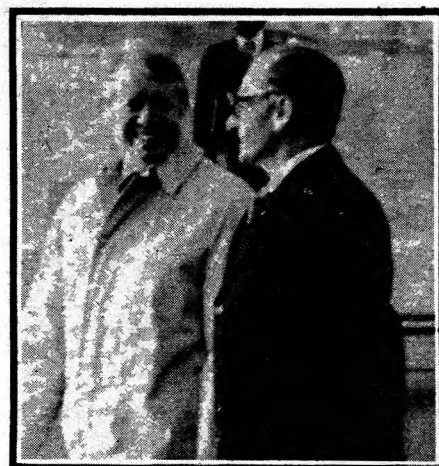
## Assessment of the NATO Alliance

While in Europe, Carter's message was clear: We need each other, but we don't need you that much. The NATO alliance remains essential to US foreign policy, central to US war plans, and for that reason NATO remains an instrument of war. But Carter does not view NATO as an instrument for the defense of Europe. The difference is not small. Viewing NATO primarily as a buffer against the USSR, the US is willing to let Soviet tanks roll across the borders of Western Europe. The US is banking on its ability to counter-attack, launching a full scale war. From Carter's point of view, NATO forces are not intended to hold a firm line at the border. This is a policy of "nibble, but don't take too much".

For the European bourgeoisie this is a hard line to swallow. Fearful of ever increasing inflation and unemployment, they do not want to increase military spending up to the levels needed to adequately re-arm NATO allies. The US is unwilling to bear the burden. The US is unwilling

## A Policy of "Detente"

The US stance on Europe



Clockwise from upper left, Carter visiting Anwar el-Sadat in Egypt, the Shah of Iran, King Khalib of Saudi Arabia and President d'Estaing of France during his seven-day tour.

flows directly from the policy of "detente". "Detente" is a policy of collaboration and contention among the two most aggressive superpowers the world has ever known. For that very reason, "detente" is an illusion. It is designed to confuse and mislead the masses, to cover war preparations and allow for uninterrupted imperialist expansion, for the imperialist system is by its very nature aggressive, expansionist and the source of war.

The situation in Europe is a prime example of how the two superpowers collude. Each recognizes the others' spheres of influence, the USSR controls Eastern Europe and the US controls Western Europe. Each is willing to spare a bit here and there, as is shown in Carter's trip to Poland.

As the Albanians have pointed out a number of times, when the superpowers play out their farce of "detente", they act at the expense of the world's people. When they collude and connive, they are plotting the exploitation and oppression of the people of the world.

Today the mood of the bourgeoisie in various European

countries is bleak. The bourgeoisie is caught in a web of contradictions caused by the general crisis, an increasingly militant working class movement, and an intense superpower rivalry. The desperation of the petty-bourgeoisie is one source of the rise of anarchism, the violence of despair. The rise and strength of the working class movement, on the other hand, is the proletariat's response. Though the struggle is sharp and the threat of war real, for the proletariat of Europe, the socialist revolution is the road ahead.

The US bourgeoisie is doing all it can to take advantage of this situation. The unity of the US-European imperialist bloc is the unity among thieves who stab each other in the back when conditions give one of them the upper hand.

## US Aggression

The world today is extremely volatile. The connivance and collusion of the two superpowers does not negate their predatory war preparations. It would be wrong to write off the contention in Europe, and focus only

on the collusion. The US must maintain its hold over Western Europe. If this vast area were to fall into Soviet hands, the Soviet economic strength would then far outstrip the US, and become a springboard for further world expansion. For this very reason, Europe is the essential prize for the Soviet Union.

Contrary to the picture painted by opportunists, the US is not a mangy old wolf. Carter's trip is a reflection of the relative strength and increased aggressiveness of US imperialism, its marked economic superiority and its political domination over vast areas of the globe.

Carter's new "doctrine" is both a sign of the strength of US imperialism in the short term and a sign of its weakness. This weakness is the characteristic weakness of the imperialist system, a system which has in its own rise to power, created its own gravedigger, the proletariat. ★

\* "Revolution Will Surely Triumph" is available from UNITE! for 50 cents a copy.

## Liberal Servant of the Bourgeoisie —

Hubert Humphrey was no friend of the Working Class and Oppressed Nationalities

Hubert H. Humphrey, the "happy warrior", perennial presidential candidate and liberal senator died January 14th. The bourgeoisie, aware for months that Humphrey was dying, made grand preparations for his exit. Their propaganda mills have pumped out the views that Humphrey was our beloved leader, a people's hero, someone in Washington who stood up for the little guy. This is hogwash.

Humphrey was a liberal, and first and foremost a loyal servant of the bourgeoisie. The liberal's role is to take up the just struggles emerging from the peoples' struggles, gut them of their content, and lead people down the road of reforms. The liberals criticize problems of the capitalist system but propose solutions that are within the bounds

of the system. They cry to the people, "We tried, but we can't get everything." What the liberals try to do is keep us from coming to the conclusion that the system is the major problem and must be overthrown.

Humphrey is being praised as a champion of civil rights for national minorities and a friend of the working class. What Humphrey actually did was to raise the legitimate demands of national minorities and labor and just as quickly compromise away the real aims. For example, his famous speech on civil rights at the 1948 Democratic National Convention was made after he had compromised with the arch-racist Dixiecrats. The heralded Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill is a sham which plays on the working class's just demand for

jobs, but in actuality will produce no jobs and will serve the capitalist system.

Humphrey is also infamous for his part in the defense of the criminal war of the US bourg-

oisie against the Vietnamese people. He directly aided in the continuation of that war and the slaughter of the Vietnamese people and countless sons of the working class and national minor-

ities.

We say to the capitalist lies—"Enough of your lies Humphrey was an enemy of ours."

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## Make Every Factory a Fortress!

### Grain Explosion Kills 33

One of the worst grain explosions in history occurred on December 23 in New Orleans 33 workers were killed and ten others were taken to the hospital who were seriously hurt.

Workers knew for a long time that such an explosion would happen one day. Grain dust is extremely combustible. In the front of the plant where the worst damage occurred there were no dust collectors. Where there were dust collectors fires broke out but there were no explosions.

This is an open and shut indictment against the Continental Grain Company, one of the biggest multi-national grain corporations, for failing to implement safety procedures because of their drive to make profits, despite their claims that they had met all federal safety regulations.



Aftermath of deadly explosion at Continental Grain Company. Since then three other major explosions have taken place.

### Three Workers Killed at Exxon Refinery

January 2, 1978 — Jerald Johnson, David Soffer, and William Scott, three workers at the Exxon Oil Refinery in Benicia, California died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Eleven others who went to the rescue were hospitalized.

An investigation found that the heavy steel safety shield that was supposed to keep the gas out of the five-foot pipeline where the workers were working, had been removed—with authorization—by another work crew. Neither work crew knew what the other was doing.

Only the fact that the other crew had gone on a coffee break kept the entire crew (15) from being killed.

Several other OSHA and state safety regulations were violated. Except to insist that these deaths were accidental, Exxon refuses to make any statements.

But they are not accidents—they are the inevitable result of capitalism. Every year over one

hundred thousand (100,000) U.S. workers die from unhealthy, unsafe conditions on the job. Very few of these are accidents. Poor maintenance, speedups, overtime, short crews, failure to test dangerous chemicals, and worn-out equipment mean deaths and injuries for the working class and higher profits for the capitalists.

The oil monopolies, and especially Standard Oil-Exxon, have always brutally fought unionization. In the Bay Area, the Benicia Exxon refinery serves as an example to other refineries—it has no union. In fact, it boasts that the workers can “communicate directly” with management, and that it has one of the best benefit packages in the industry.

What does the lack of a union mean? Workers at Benicia Exxon work seven days in a row half the time and rotating shifts the other half. When “accidents” like this happen they have no collective, organized way to demand better safety and health protection from the company.

The OCAW (Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union) must be brought in, and workers must fight for leadership that takes up the fight for safety as a part of the overall struggle.

### Court Hedges on Women's Rights to Maternity Leave

The Supreme Court has ruled that employers do not have the right to deprive a woman worker of her accumulated seniority when she takes a pregnancy leave. The Court at the same time, however, ruled that women can not use their accumulated sick leave pay while on pregnancy leave. While the courts may think that this is giving a little of something to everyone, this ruling continues the tradition of discriminating against women workers. Women workers must receive full pay for a minimum of one month before delivery and one month after delivery, whether or not they have accumulated sick pay.

### Coors Strike Moves into Ninth Month

Workers have been on strike against the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colorado since April, 1977. The rank and file are fighting for the survival of their union and an end to arbitrary firings based on lie detector tests and forced searches by company doctors. The company has been trying to isolate and get rid of the militant workers, so that they would be in a better position to run out the union.

Since going on strike, the workers have been faced with continual harassment by the po-

lice and company thugs, which has resulted in several arrests. The company in conjunction with the local police are desperately trying to break the strike.

There is a defense fund set up to aid the strikers. Donations can be sent to:

Coors Boycott Center  
737 E 17th Ave.,  
Denver, Colorado  
80203

### Fire at GM Assembly Plant

Fremont, Ca — A fire started the day after the Christmas holiday in one of the paint booths. It started because the cover was not on the electrical panel of the automatic paint sprayer and a short ignited paint thinner. An explosion occurred shortly after. Miraculously, no one was hurt.

During this incident, the fire alarm did not go off, and there is uncertainty as to whether the sprinkler system went on. Also, because there hadn't been any fire drills in the plant, people panicked, most fleeing down the escalator and elevator, some running up to the roof where they could have been seriously hurt in the event of another explosion.

Production was shut down for passenger cars for the whole (day) and workers were not paid for it.

This incident clearly shows GM's lack of concern for the safety of the workers. There is no excuse for not having everything completely safeguarded in such a firetrap as a paint spray booth. Also that the few protections and safety measures we had, did not work.

We want a complete check of all safety devices in the plant, as well as paid fire drills so we know what to do and where to go.

— from a worker correspondent

### Essex Strike Sold Out

The eight and one half month old strike of the Essex workers in Illinois was sold out by the UAW bureaucrats. This had been an extremely hard fought battle during which there were often armed conflicts between the strikers and the police.

The strikers, who mostly were women, had turned down contracts which were recommended by the bureaucrats three times before. The contract which was signed left them scarcely better off than where they started from. The base wage of the workers is \$2.76 per hour. The contract calls for a wage increase of \$61 an hour over three years. The treachery of the bureaucrats has again been made clear to the working class.

### CPUSA Steel Program

## A Call for State Monopoly Capitalism



As everyone knows, the steel industry is in crisis. Solutions to this are arriving at the door of the steel companies not only carried by Carter, but also by the revisionist Communist Party, USA.

Playing on the anger of the laid off steelworkers, Gus Hall of the CPUSA delivered a speech in Johnstown, Ohio last December as a part of their “people’s solution to the steel crisis”.

Two of the key elements to their solution are the following:

1 “A simple transfer of say 50% of the Pentagon budget and a cut in the enormous corporate profits would open up the domestic market for steel.” Hall correctly says that the American people need housing, mass transit systems and new bridges.

But again Hall misleads the steel workers. The problem is not that the U.S. government does not know how to set its priorities, but that the U.S. government is a government for and of the capitalist class. The capitalist class needs to have an extremely large military budget in order to defend its investments both in the U.S. and overseas. So it is not a question of priorities at all, but a question of the entire capitalist system.

2 “The time has come when in the U.S. we are forced to consider nationalization of a number of industries. Nationalization means that these industries would be taken out of the system of corporate profits and would be democratically operated and controlled as public properties by elected representatives of the workers and the public and run for the benefit of all the people.”

Nationalization of an industry under capitalism means that

the capitalist class through its state apparatus would still control the industry, only it would be more centralized control. This means greater exploitation of the workers. The CPUSA’s call for nationalization is a call for state monopoly capitalism!

Although the CPUSA’s program for nationalization would harm the working class, it would help the CPUSA. Just as all bourgeois elements have aspirations of holding state power, so does the CPUSA. When the dictatorship of the proletariat was overthrown in the Soviet Union, the revisionists set up state monopoly capitalism. As a revisionist Party, the CPUSA desires to follow suit.

The CPUSA’s plan for nationalization is a part of their overall plan for coming to state power. Under the cover of fighting for socialism, the CPUSA tries to rally the working class behind them in support of their program. Their plan for nationalization is their plan to concentrate industry in the hands of the bourgeois state apparatus, which they want to control. Their call to have this supervised by “elected representatives of the workers and the public” is their call to have themselves elected.

So under all of the militant sounding words by Gus Hall and the CPUSA there is outright treachery. Their program for steelworkers and their overall program can not solve the problems of jobs for workers, nor can it solve the oppression of the working class by the capitalist class. The CPUSA’s program will only perpetuate the rule of the bourgeoisie. Like all parties of the bourgeoisie, the CPUSA must and will be smashed by the working class. ★



Gus Hall (right) leader of the revisionist CPUSA. Though his words may sound militant, his program to nationalize the steel industry is in essence a program to usher in state monopoly capitalism. For the working class, this is outright treachery.

**The struggle against opportunism is the pivot of our tactics in the trade union movement!**



# Countryside in Turmoil as Farm Strike Enters Second Month

The nationwide farm strike is now well into its second month. Thousands of operators of small and medium sized farms have picketed stockyards, railway stations, and wholesale distribution centers. In many states these farmers have packed the capital and surrounded the state house with tractors in order to dramatize their economic hardships.

The struggle has been especially heated in Georgia, Kansas and Texas. In areas of Texas, some farmers have plowed under winter wheat which is already in the ground.

In Lubbock, Texas, farmers massed their tractors to stop the distribution of a newspaper which had backed out on its support of the strike.

In Topeka, Kansas, 200 farmers overwhelmed outnumbered police who tried unsuccessfully to stop the picketing of a major food warehouse.

In Statesboro, Georgia, huge timbers were thrown across rail road tracks in order to stop trains carrying farm products to market. When state troopers tried to serve strike leaders with warrants, they were confronted with hundreds of angry farmers, some of them wielding pitch forks.

The striking farmers, associated with a new organization called American Agriculture, have agreed not to sell any farm products, not to buy any farm supplies or equipment and not to plant any crops for the duration of the strike. The bulk of the participants in this movement are operators of small and medium sized farms (those who do not hire full time help) who have

been devastated by the current agrarian crisis. This year's crop was a total loss for many. A few "big" farmers (who depend on full time hired help) who have also been hurt by the current low prices and this year's drought have attached themselves to the movement.

## In the Enemy Camp

On the other side, in the enemy camp, are the rich landowners, agribusiness (i.e. finance capitalists engaged in agriculture), middlemen, commodity speculators, and stockyard owners. These groups control the traditional farm organizations such as the Farm Bureau, the Grange, and the National Farm Organization, which have acted as strike breakers in the current struggle.

The few wealthy operators who have grafted themselves onto the movement have introduced elements of compromise and reaction. Because their wealth is based on the exploitation of wage labor, they are opposed to any militant action which really threatens private property. Their reactionary stand is based on their desire to protect "their" sources of cheap labor. At a rally in Atlanta on December 10, 1977, one of these wealthier farmers denounced food stamps and welfare because these programs discouraged workers from taking agricultural jobs at starvation wages. He further stated that this was the cause of the farmers' current problems. The success of the new grass roots movement depends largely on its ability to defeat the backward influence of these wealthy farmers.

## A Developing Alliance

One of the significant accomplishments of the strike is the alliance between the fighting farmers and sections of the U.S. industrial proletariat. In some areas local agreements have been worked out. In Georgia, for example, some Teamster and Railway workers have agreed to honor American Agriculture picket lines. At this point, however, the alliance is still weak and localized. It has not been centralized through existing trade unions, nor is it under revolutionary proletarian leadership.

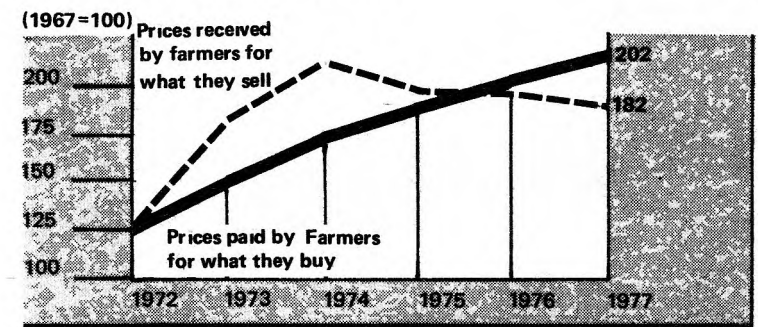
## Fight for Immediate Relief

The working class must join hands with the poor and middle farmers in the fight for immediate relief from the current crisis. But relief will not come through the demand for 100% parity, which is the main demand of the movement. This would raise the price of food and parity would serve only to enrich the finance capitalists and rich farmers at the expense of the proletariat and the urban and rural petty bourgeoisie. Instead, the working class should agitate for immediate cash relief to small and medium farmers, to be financed by the \$3 billion which currently lies in the pockets of the rich through the farm price subsidy program. In addition a moratorium on debts and taxes must be immediately declared for the operators of small and medium farms.

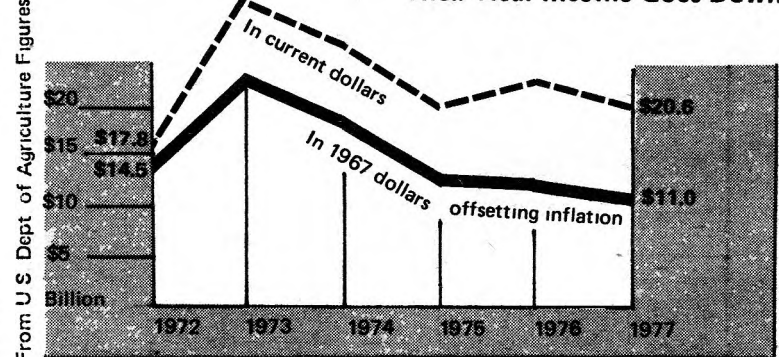
## Role of the Agricultural Proletariat

In fighting for the interests

## As Prices Go Against Farmers



## Their Real Income Goes Down



of the oppressed sections of farmers, the urban proletariat and its vanguard must in no way ignore its duty towards the agricultural proletariat. This group of severely exploited workers must constitute the main revolutionary base in the countryside. The organization and political education of these workers still remains our main task in the countryside.

## Agricultural Crisis Caused by Capitalism

Even the most militant struggle for immediate demands can not permanently solve the problems of the small producer. The present crisis follows all the basic laws of capitalist development in agriculture. The increasing productivity of labor leads to the enrichment of the finance capital-

ists, rich landlords, etc. on the one hand, and to the increasing impoverishment and eventual ruin of small and medium farmers. This year's record low prices and widespread drought were only the latest chapter in a continuing process of concentration of land in the hands of a few at the expense of the small and medium farmers. What is required to solve this problem is a strong revolutionary alliance made up of the industrial and agricultural working class, the small farmers, and the oppressed nations and peoples to overthrow U.S. imperialism and build socialism. With the overthrow of U.S. imperialism the lands of the finance capitalists, and wealthy landowners will be confiscated and largely socialized for the benefit of all the toiling masses. ★

# Coal Miners Stand Firm...

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into the Health and Pension Fund. Some compromise! Before negotiations broke off, Miller had tentatively agreed to the automatic firing of any miner who picketed in a wildcat and the right of the company to selectively fire any miner who honored a picket line.

## Whose Side is Miller On?

If Miller agrees to this kind of a deal the miners wouldn't be able to refuse to ride in a mantrap even if the brakes had gone out. Miners wouldn't be able to refuse an endless list of unsafe work practices that the bosses would force on the workers in order to speed up production.

## Hold Firm in the Just Demands

Miners know that to vote for a sell-out contract means death for many miners. This means that there could be a very long, hard strike ahead in order to hold out for their demands to be met.

The demands which must be won in this strike are the following:

- 1 Full Health and Pension Benefits Paid by the Coal Operators, for All Coal Miners** — All active and retired miners must have all health care costs paid in full. These benefits must not be tied to productivity. All retired miners must receive equal pensions which provide a decent standard of living.
- 2 Safe Working Conditions Controlled by the Union Safety Committee** — The union Safety Committee must control the safety conditions in the mine to insure the safety of each miner. This Committee must be large enough to insure that there is a union Safety Committeeman on each shift every day the mine is operated. When the company refuses to correct hazards, the Safety Committee has the right to pull out the miners until the hazard is eliminated.
- 3 Decent Wages for All Miners** — Miners must be guaranteed a decent wage that is not tied to productivity. No incentives! These only serve to split the unity of the miners.

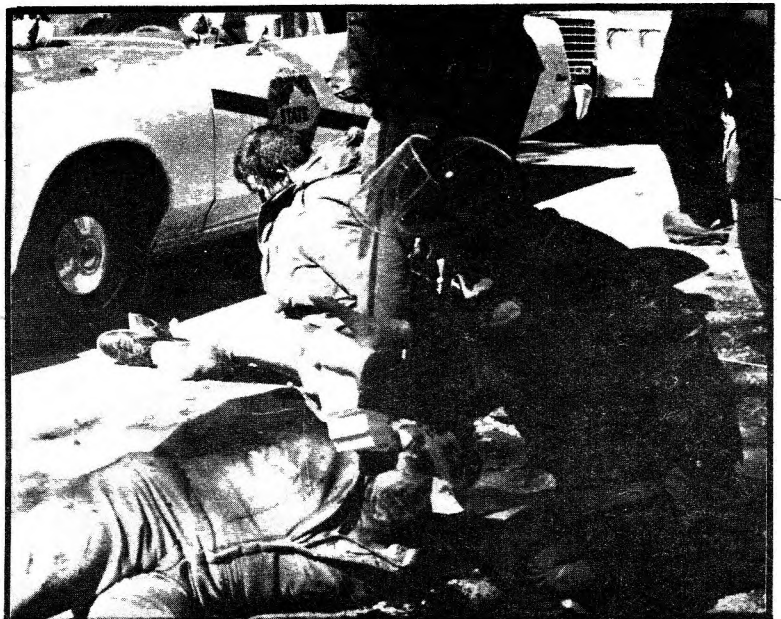
- 4 Right to Strike** — Miners must have the right to strike as a means of resolving grievances, both national and local. The miners must also have the right to go out on sympathy strikes in support of other workers. A vote by the majority would determine whether or not the miners would go out.
- 5 Organize the Unorganized** — There must be one union for all miners, deep and strip miners. The lack of conscious organizing on this basis has resulted in the weakening of the power of the miners.
- 6, Build a Democratic Union** — The positions of leadership in the union must be filled with miners who have proven themselves fearless fighters in the class struggle. Bureaucrats like Miller, who readily sell out the rights of miners for their own gain must be driven from the union. Paid union officials must be elected by the rank and file, not appointed by the union hacks for loyalty.

The demands of the miners must be vigorously fought for and defended. In order to help the miners hold their ground against

the capitalists, police and trade union bureaucrats, it is important for workers in all industries to come forward in strong support of the miners, by passing resolutions of support in their unions,

or sending donations to union locals, such as at the Stearns mine (see below). The miner's fight for survival is a fight for the whole working class. ★

## Support the Striking Coal Miners!



On October 17, 1977 over 100 coal miners and their families were arrested and many badly beaten by Kentucky State Police (above). The Stearns fight for safe working conditions and a union contract is one of the sharpest battles being waged in the class struggle today. Support the Stearns miners! Send contributions to Stearns' Miners Relief Fund, Old Post Office Building, Whitley City, Kentucky.





# History of the CPSU(B)

## Conclusion

In our eleven part study of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik) there have been many lessons learned which ensure that the party of the working class will be built on correct principles. The following are the six main lessons

### 1 A Party of a New Type

In the struggle for state power, the working class must have a party which will provide conscious leadership. Like the Bolshevik Party, it must be a revolutionary party of a new type. Unlike the Democratic or Republican Party or the revisionist Communist Party USA this is a party of the working class which will fearlessly lead the class in battle against the oppressor class, the bourgeoisie.

In the U.S., we are currently lacking this type of party, and as a result many of the struggles of the working class are without leadership, are without a program of struggle. Our struggles remain isolated from one another, the miners isolated from the steel workers, women from men, whites from Blacks. These struggles are not under revolutionary leadership, and so are easily turned aside or taken over by the reformists, like the McBrides and Millers, Jesse Jacksons and Gus Halls.

This is why the MLOC has set before itself the central task of building a genuine communist party.

### 2 A Guide to Action

This party must be guided by the revolutionary theory of Marx-

ism-Leninism. This theory can guide the working class Party because it is the summation of the class struggle, worldwide. From this rich history of struggle, general lessons need to be drawn, and applied to the concrete conditions in a particular country. Marxism-Leninism is not a rigid dogma, as the bourgeoisie would have the working class believe, but is a guide to action.

This theory of the working class is under constant attack by various opportunists and revisionists, who want to tear out its revolutionary heart.

These opportunists and revisionists say that times have changed and therefore Marxism-Leninism is outdated, and it no longer applies. They say that it is now possible to transform capitalism peacefully. They say that the bourgeoisie will just hand over state power to the working class without a fight. This was not true in the time of the Russian Revolution, the Chinese Revolution, the Albanian Revolution or the Vietnamese Revolution, and it certainly will not be true in the U.S., which has one of the most powerful ruling classes history has ever known.

It is precisely in the countries where parties have been guided by the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism, that the working class has successfully seized state power. Where parties have abandoned Marxism-Leninism, like the Bolshevik Party in the Soviet Union after the death of Stalin, revolution was turned around, and the bourgeoisie again came to power.

### 3 Smash the Social Props

The working class and its

party must wage relentless struggle against parties which help to prop up the bourgeoisie, with the aim of smashing them completely. In Russia the Bolsheviks first smashed the liberal Cadet Party, and then the Mensheviks. In the U.S., there are many of these parties which proclaim themselves to be parties of the working class, or revolutionary parties, socialist and communist parties.

The CPUSA is presently the leader of this counter-revolutionary trend. They preach the peaceful road to socialism, that capitalism can be reformed, that imperialist war can be ended through "detente" and negotiations between imperialist powers. Their aim is to undermine and destroy the working class movement.

Following the same road, although proclaiming to fight revisionism is the Revolutionary Communist Party USA (RCP). These false communists have consistently revised the theory of Marxism-Leninism. On the National Question, they say that Stalin's teachings no longer apply and that there is no oppressed Nation in the Black Belt South. They protect the reformists like Sadlowski and treat them as middle forces.

Another betrayer of the working class is the Communist Party (ML), who attempt to line up the working class on the side of the U.S. bourgeoisie against the Soviet Union by promoting the theory of the "three worlds".

It is precisely because each of these parties misdirects the struggle of the working class that they are the social props of the bourgeoisie. In order for the working class to throw off the rule of the bourgeoisie, it toget-

her with its Party must smash all social props.

### 4 A Single Line

The working class Party must also wage a continual struggle against opportunists within its own ranks. This is the principle of the Party following a single Marxist-Leninist line. The Party is only capable of leading the working class if it has iron-like unity of will and action.

The bourgeoisie knows that the surest way to undermine the struggle of the working class is to destroy the unity in the Party, in order to incapacitate the leadership of the working class. The Bolsheviks had to contend with Trotsky, who tried in every way to create factions and break the united will of the Party. This is why the Party members must always be consciously on guard against all factionalizing, opportunists and traitors, and to continually educate its cadre ideologically, politically and organizationally.

We can also learn this from the history of the CPUSA. This Party did not seriously take up the training of their cadre to prepare them for the struggle against opportunists and revisionists inside the Party, and as a result, people like Earl Browder were able to sell out the Party to a policy of class collaboration.

This policy of a single line within the Party and the policy of training cadre must be guiding principles for the new Party.

### 5 Admit, Analyze, Overcome

The Party must be bold in recognizing its own shortcomings and errors, and practice criticism self-criticism. The Party must frankly admit mistakes, understand why they happened, and set out a plan for overcoming them. This is the way the cadre of the Party and the masses can learn from the mistakes of the Party, in order to avoid making them in the future.

The attitude of a Party towards its own mistakes is the hallmark of a serious Party which has the interests of the proletariat at heart and not its own career.

Upholding correct principles, the Political Report of the Central Committee of the MLOC reflects a serious effort in pointing out

the strengths and weaknesses of the Organization. This is done so that the cadre of the MLOC and the masses will have a sober assessment of the work, the lessons learned and the tasks yet to be accomplished.

### 6 Every Factory a Fortress

The Party must have deep roots within the masses of working and oppressed peoples. The Party must be so tied to the working class that it knows its every heart beat in the class struggle. It must teach the working class about Marxism-Leninism, guide and lead the class struggle. But just as importantly, the Party must learn from the masses. This is the principle of "from the masses, to the masses." Only in this way will the Party be capable of being a Party of tens of thousands and someday of millions.

The MLOC has recognized the danger of losing contact with the masses. It has set out a firm policy of making every factory a fortress by building factory nuclei in the most strategic industrial centers of this country. In order to build strong ties with the oppressed Black Nation, the MLOC has in a serious way taken up work in the Black Belt South.

### Deepen the Lessons

As we continue to struggle to build the Party, these lessons from the Bolshevik Party must be continually deepened so that they will become an integral part of the life of the Party, never to be forgotten. If these points about the role and life of the Party are forgotten and cast aside, the Party will surely degenerate into a revisionist party.

The working class has learned this through tragic setbacks, in the Soviet Union when Khrushchev overturned the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Stalin. And here in the U.S. the working class suffered a severe setback when the CPUSA no longer followed these guiding principles.

The new communist Party in the U.S. must be a party of the new type, based on Marxism-Leninism, forged in the struggle against modern revisionism and with deep roots in the working class. Through continual struggle and built on these lessons of history, the new Party will be invincible.

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### Bourgeoisie in Crisis

## Italy Moves Toward Emergency Government

The bourgeoisie in Italy is scrambling to hold together its rule over the working class. The bourgeoisie is faced with a growing revolutionary movement, with strikes and demonstrations spreading across the country. There are over 2 million workers unemployed and over 6 million workers have been forced to emigrate

due to economic hardship in Italy.

Not only is the Italian bourgeoisie faced with an ever deepening economic crisis but they are being confronted with a growing political crisis. Recently Prime Minister Andreotti handed in his resignation. The tidy arrangement in Parliament between An-

dreotti's Christian Democratic Party and the revisionist Communist Party of Italy is falling apart.

This political deal had given the revisionist Communist Party positions of power in municipal governments in exchange for its abstention on important national votes in Parliament. The

Communist Party, no longer contented with this back seat position, began to push for more power and an "emergency government."

The revisionist Communist Party, who long ago sold out the interests of the working class is today a party of the bourgeoisie. Their concern is to create order across the land, to suppress strikes and demonstrations. They called for an "emergency government" to carry out a rigorous policy in all fields especially in defending public order and the security of citizens. Within the framework of our Constitution, it should respond clearly to violent attacks on our institutions, democracy and on the Republic itself. These are hardly the words of a genuine Communist Party.

The US imperialists have come out in strong opposition to the revisionists' participation in the Italian government, but not because the revisionist Communist Party of Italy represents the interests of the working class. Carter and the US imperialists oppose their participation because they are not confident that the revisionist Party would place its allegiance with the US. And if the revisionists placed their loyalties with the Soviet Union this would mean a sharp blow to NATO.

At the present time, power among the political parties is fairly well split up with the Christian Democratic Party and the revisionist Communist Party each holding approximately 30 to 35% of the votes. But no matter which of these two parties ends up the dominant party in a particular arrangement, neither can

solve the crisis of capitalism that plagues Italy.

The bourgeoisie cannot allow the unstable situation in Italy to continue very much longer. Nor can they allow the revolutionary movement to develop. So while attempting to strengthen the state apparatus, they are also actively supporting the development of fascist forces.

For several years, neo fascist parties and organizations have been operating in the cities of Italy. They carry out acts of terrorism trying to subdue the revolutionary movement of workers and youth. Throughout Italy there are more than forty of these groups, the largest of which is the Italian Socialist Movement. It has seats in Parliament where they present the fascist program of their Party. Last year the bourgeoisie financed this Party to the tune of 3.6 billion lire (\$41 million).

Along with these gangs, the police are stepping up their activities against the people, raiding homes under the pretense of searching for terrorists.

The call by the bourgeoisie and their parties, like the revisionist Communist Party, for law and order and national security are fascist calls to smash the workers' movement.

The genuine party of the working class, the Communist Party of Italy (M.L.) is carrying out revolutionary work, organizing the working class and progressive people to resist this growing fascist menace as a part of the struggle for socialism. This revolutionary road is the only way the Italian working class will succeed in throwing off the crisis of capitalism. ★

### Pinochet 'Wins' Referendum, Resistance Grows

## Chilean Fascists Stage Farce

The fascist dictatorship of Pinochet is under siege from the resistance struggle inside Chile and from the pressure of the world's people.

Desperately trying to hold together the four year old regime, Pinochet held a referendum on January 4th. This referendum was to create the illusion of legitimacy in Chile. The ballot read "In the face of international aggression unleashed against the Government of our homeland, I support President Pinochet in his defense of the dignity of Chile, and reaffirm the legitimacy of the Government of the Republic to conduct in a sovereign way, the process of institutionalization of the country."

But this hoax did not confuse or mislead the people of Chile. The Chilean people know all too well what the fascist dictatorship has meant to their daily lives. Pinochet, as a true friend of the imperialists, promised cheap labor and labor peace, and threw open the doors of Chile to imperialist plunder. Unemployment soars well above 20% and the average worker makes about \$30.00 a month, when what is needed to survive is more like \$150.00 a month.

Repression is the dictator-

ship's most consistent policy in internal affairs. Thousands of people have been killed or reported missing. Tens of thousands more are imprisoned. But despite these brutal measures, the resistance continues. The anti-fascist forces fight under the slogan, **Fight Imperialism and Overthrow the Dictatorship**. This slogan represents the understanding that it is impossible to fight against the fascist dictatorship without also fighting against US imperialism and all reaction.

It is this resistance inside of Chile combined with external pressure that led Pinochet to

hold his farce of a referendum. The dictatorship hoped to strengthen its hand in order to pursue its policy of fascist violence and terror. Pinochet wanted his reactionary regime stamped with approval by the Chilean people for all the world to see.

The vote was called under threat of loss of jobs, and physical coercion. Pinochet ordered all people to vote. If they did not, their ID cards would be invalidated. But even this frantic gesture by Pinochet did not go unchallenged. The Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile called on the people to boycott this farce. They

called on the people to not give it a single ounce of legitimacy. Demonstrations broke out in Santiago and a number of cities across the country. So while Pinochet was celebrating his great victory of getting his vote of confidence to continue his fascist rule, the patriotic and revolutionary forces in Chile continued to organize to overthrow his regime.

The working class and oppressed people of Chile under the

genuine leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile have not been subdued by the guns and torture of the fascists. They have pledged continued and determined struggle, they are mobilizing actively in the cities, towns and countryside of Chile, preparing for the day when they will smash the fascist dictatorship and establish genuine socialism in their country.

**The Armed People Will Never Be Defeated!** ★



drawing from El Pueblo

### Canadian Committee in Support of the Chilean Resistance Formed

On December 10, 1977, the first genuine national Chilean support committee was formed in Canada. Formed on the basis of proletarian internationalism, the committee resolved to build strong solidarity with the Chilean peoples and to provide moral and material support for the resistance struggle.

We congratulate the Committee for taking up this important task and wish them every success in their work.

### Learn About and Support the Struggle in Chile

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# Letters Exchanged in Support of Palestinians

Below we are printing a letter from the Palestine Liberation Organization which acknowledges the continuing efforts of the MLOC to build moral and material support for the Palestinian peoples struggle

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Dear friends,

On behalf of the PLO, I would like to thank you for your steadfast support of the Palestinian people's struggle to regain our national rights

We greatly appreciate your efforts in contributing to the American people's awareness of the injustice done to our people and in mobilizing the masses in the U.S. on our behalf

Revolution until Victory!

Hasan Rahman  
Acting Director - Information

## Declaration from the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee

January 1, 1978

Mr Yasser Arafat  
Palestine Liberation Organization

On the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of the heroic 1965 armed resistance of the Palestinian people against the Zionist settler state of Israel, the Central Committee reaffirms its complete support and solidarity with the Palestinian people and the Palestine Liberation Organization in their just struggle for self-determination, and the right to form an independent state on their national territory of Palestine

With the New Year's Day military action of the Palestine people against the Zionist State in 1965, the struggle of the Palestinian people was firmly placed on the only road to victory, the road of armed struggle

From the beginning, U.S imperialism has utilized the settler state of Zionist Israel against the entire Arab people, and particularly against the Palestinian people Today, U.S imperialism has stepped up its aggression and interference by utilizing Sadat and other ruling cliques in the Middle East to support the sham proposals of the Israeli Zionists—which in fact are the proposals of U.S imperialism to deny the Palestinian people their just homeland U.S imperialism will never determine who represents the Palestinian people and who does not The people of Palestine have already spoken The Palestine Liberation Organization is their only just representative

The Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee fully condemns the schemes of U.S imperialism and Jimmy Carter to

split and divide the Palestinian people

The forces of Zionist reaction have for a long time had a powerful influence in the circles of U.S imperialism The recent actions of President Carter fully confirm this reality But the working and oppressed people of the United States support the just struggle of the Palestinian people for their homeland The Zionist settler state and U.S imperialism—as well as any other reactionary who dares interfere in the just struggle of the Palestinian people, will only suffer defeat at the hands of the Palestinian people and the Palestine Liberation Organization

Today, when many forces have turned aside from the struggle for national liberation and become neo-colonial dependents of the superpowers or one of the second-rank imperialist powers, the Palestine Liberation Organization has boldly demonstrated the great importance of self-reliance and armed struggle, no matter how protracted or difficult the struggle

The Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee stands in complete solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian people

On the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of armed struggle, the Central Committee of the MLOC sends the Palestine Liberation Organization and Mr Yasser Arafat, our militant support, complete solidarity and warm greetings

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## "Peace" Schemes ...

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and the Zionists are not the determining factors for peace It is the just struggle of the Palestinian people for the return of their homeland that is the determining factor

The Palestinian people have been forcibly driven from their homeland by the Israeli Zionists Their contradiction with the Zionists is an irreconcilable one Begin recognizes this, that is why he refuses to negotiate with the PLO Neither Sadat nor any other U.S lackey can represent the Palestinian people They have already decided that the PLO is their only representative The PLO stands for a non-secular state of Arabs and Jews, which is a correct stand

### Unity of Thieves

Sadat has sold himself to the U.S imperialists in an effort to alleviate growing problems inside Egypt His country is racked by high unemployment and inflation He hopes that by achieving "peace" with Israel, he can shift money from his defense budget to domestic priorities He also hopes to maintain his "leadership" of the Arab world if his talks are successful

These sham "peace" talks are doomed for failure, even for a "separate" peace between Egypt and Israel, because of the intransigence of the Israeli Zionists Begin, despite U.S pressure,



Palestinian women sewing uniforms for liberation army soldiers

refuses to make any real concessions Instead the Zionists have offered to return a portion of the Sinai to Egypt only if Egypt agrees to demilitarize the area and if Israel can maintain a defense corridor of settlements on Egyptian territory The Zionists have begun new settlements in the Sinai and the West Bank since the beginning of the "peace" talks They also offer "self-determination" to the Palestinians on the West Bank in which they maintain police authority Some concessions!

The situation in the Middle East clearly reflects that the struggle against hegemony and against the superpowers is not the dominant aspect of the "third world" countries as some would have us believe Sadat and the other reactionary Arab rulers have demonstrated time and again that they are willing servants and are in collusion with the one or the other of the superpowers They are by no means "non-align-

ed" Their fundamental role is in opposition to the just struggles of the Arab and Palestinian peoples

The Palestinian struggle will continue, with or without the aid of the reactionary Arab regimes The just struggles of the Arab peoples against imperialism, Zionism, hegemonism and all reaction will continue The Palestinians have suffered temporary setbacks before No matter how much the reactionary Arab regimes in alliance with imperialism try to contain the Palestinian struggle, it will continue to consolidate and gain strength Throughout the world, more and more people are coming to the support of the Arab people's struggle against Israeli Zionism and imperialism It is Sadat, Begin, Carter and all the other reactionaries who are becoming isolated and condemned. The people of the world are as confident as the PLO, who say "Revolution Until Victory!"



## Anniversary of the Founding of Socialist Albania Celebrated

Celebrations of the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania on January 11, 1946, were held around the country in January In Oakland, California, a celebration drew over 180 workers and people from other countries

For the working class, oppressed peoples and all progressive people, such celebrations in the U.S were long overdue The audience warmly applauded speeches by the MLOC and the Federation of Iranian Students in the U.S (FISUS)

The speeches pointed out how the Albanians carry out socialist construction They also drew out the important role that Albania plays in the world today in opposing imperialism, fascism and international reac-

tion, under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania and Comrade Enver Hoxha

A large amount of revolutionary books from Albania and other countries was sold Posters from Albania and picture displays decorated the room The National Anthem of Albania was arranged for a solo sung in English with piano accompaniment

The songs of the FISUS chorus reflected the struggles and solidarity of oppressed people of the world The celebration ended with the singing of the Internationale in several languages

In the spirit of proletarian internationalism, the sponsors decided to support the Zimbabwe African National Union's Medical Supplies Drive from the proceeds of the celebration ★



Chicago Police Claim Four More Victims

# Killer Cop Suspended But Rampage Continues



In an effort to placate the anger of the Woodlawn community and to stop mounting protests, Acting Chicago Police Superintendent Michael Spiotto met with a group of community residents and announced that he had suspended Officer Frederick Everly. Everly was the cop who shot down in cold blood 14 year old Tyrone Neal, a resident of the community (for a background of this struggle read UNITE!, Vol 3, No 11). Spiotto stated that he recommended that Everly be fired because he violated department regulations on the use of deadly force and displayed bad judgement.

The real reason that Everly was suspended was that people in the community took action. They wouldn't stand for another sham police investigation and acquittal. They marched on the police station, held press conferences, and gathered petitions demanding that the killer cop be fired and tried for murder. The suspension was an effort to keep this Woodlawn activity from snowballing into a citywide movement to end police killings, brutality and cover-ups. Everly is but a sacrificial lamb, suspended to leave intact the police department's right to investigate their own.

The people of Chicago cannot

allow the police department to merely dismiss one officer and continue its reckless ways. The Chicago police have unleashed a reign of terror on national minority and working class communities. They are attempting to keep a lid on the potentially explosive situation in these communities, especially among the unemployed youth. Since the Tyrone Neal slaying these have been four other killings, under horrifying circumstances that indicate murder.

## Police on Rampage

During December, two youths were slain. 15 year old David Karpel was killed when Officer Robert Domesky's gun "accidentally" went off when he slipped on a piece of ice. The officer had chased a car in which Karpel was an occupant into an alley for a traffic violation. He approached the car with his gun drawn and slipped. The bullet pierced the car window, striking Karpel in the forehead and killing him instantly.

A week later, 15 year old Ralph Briggs was killed by an off-duty officer Charles Gardner. He claimed to have awakened in his car to find three youths searching through his pockets. As they fled he drew his gun and fired the fatal shots.

But police records show that Briggs was shot in the chest. Gardner had attended a Christmas party and apparently was too drunk to drive home. So he had stopped to sleep it off where he was supposedly accosted. Tests show that he was still legally drunk when he fired his weapon.

On New Year's Day, two victims were slain by police. 37 year old factory worker L V Collins was shot in the face by an off-duty rookie cop, Michael Smith. Smith had forced Collins off a subway train and then shot him point blank. Witnesses say that Collins had done nothing. Smith says Collins "tried to go for something in his pocket."

17 year old Steven Gatowski was killed by off-duty officer Joseph Kosala. Kosala claims that the youth forced him from his car by pointing a .22 caliber rifle at him in a holdup attempt. Kosala claims the youth fled, then turned and pointed his rifle back towards him. He says that is when he fired. But the police report shows that Steven was shot in the back.

The police department routinely labels these type of killings as "justifiable homicide" or "accidents." This means that cops get off scot free. If the cop is disciplined, it is only after sustained community struggle. Even so, it only means temporary suspension or firing at worst.

The police review of these killings is a sham. A police "office of professional standards" reviews the case—usually sitting on it until attention dies down. The cops investigate the cops. And most of

the time they return a finding favorable to the cop. Why? Because police, whether on duty or off, are given the right to kill someone suspected of committing a felony.

Police are given a license to kill, to shoot first and ask questions later. And more and more this is the procedure they are following as they try to keep "law and order" for their bosses—the capitalists. This is because the fundamental role of the police is not to protect the ordinary citizen against crime, but to protect the capitalists' property

from the poor. That's why the police are so slow in answering our calls for help, but are on every corner in downtown U.S.A.

## Police Brutality Must Be Stopped

The people of Chicago must not be satisfied with the mere firing of killer cops, like Everly. We must demand that they be prosecuted to the extent of the law. We must demand an end to cover-ups. The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee will continue to assist and lead the people's struggle against police brutality and killings. ★

REVIEW: "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf"

## What is the Cause of Women's Oppression?

### Class Society, Not Men

"Colored Girls" is a collection of theatre poetry sensitively performed by an all-female cast who alternately jump, dance and glide, acting out the poems of Ntozake Shange.

Some of the poems are near auto-biographical like "graduation nite." Others are about experiences faced by many women, like "abortion cycle number 1."

While much of the content reflects conditions faced by Black women, with comedy and parody thrown in for good measure, the overall message is anti male and reactionary.

Ms Shange's anti male sentiments are especially clear in "sorry" where she talks of methods of rape and the excuses given by different men. Shange turns the meaning of the word to say that all men are low down and "sorry."

Shange has chosen to take the most bitter experiences of the man/woman relationship among the oppressed Black masses and showcase them. True to her description as a feminist poet, like her white counterparts, she adopts the classic bourgeois position of laying the blame for the oppression of Black women at

the feet of Black men. Consequently the audience is given a one-sided distorted picture of Black life. This feeds into bourgeois ideology, and serves as a battering ram against the Black family.

There is no attempt on Shange's part to look beyond the contradiction between Black men and women, which she presents as always antagonistic, and to look at the struggle against the common enemy, the U.S. bourgeoisie. In "Colored Girls" there is no hint of the fighting spirit which Black women and Black men together have displayed in their struggle against national oppression over the past 200 years.

The closest Ms Shange comes to speaking to the real conditions faced by Black men is in "a nite with beau willie brown" which ends with Willie Brown murdering his girlfriend's children. Willie Brown was a veteran, on drugs, facing chronic unemployment.

Ms Shange uses her skills to attack and lash out at Black men instead of the root cause of men and women's oppression. Attacks against male and national chauvinism are fruitless unless directed at the root cause, capitalism.

### Resolutions from the First Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee

The following four resolutions were unanimously adopted at the First Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee and are available as pamphlets for \$05 each.

- Resolution on the Trade Unions
- Resolution on the Labor Aristocracy and Trade Union Bureaucrats
- Resolution on the Black National Question
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the Black Nation in the Black Belt South in its struggle for self determination and socialism. This battle might seem small compared to the colossal struggles which lie ahead in the struggle for freedom and socialism, but it encourages all the oppressed and exploited

segments of the society to rise up against their common oppressors.

This case is material proof that the oppressed masses need not lie down and surrender to the tyranny of the U.S. imperialists and their southern henchmen. If the oppressed people of the

Black Nation and the multinational proletariat of the U.S. unite, organize and forge a genuine Communist Party, they can not only wring concessions from the corrupt, oppressive government but overthrow it and establish socialism. ★

## Dawson 5 are Free!



## **In the Name of 'States Rights'**

# **Southern Landlords Defend Imperialist Plunder**

A number of Southern politicians, such as Senators James O. Eastland (D-Miss) and Herman Talmadge (D-Ga) have portrayed themselves as foes of the federal government and the Yankee capitalists who they claim are exploiting the working people of the South. The battle cry of these "Dixiecrats" has always been "states rights." But let us take a closer look at these Southern "gentlemen."

Eastland comes from a land owning family in Mississippi. Currently he owns a 5,000 acre plantation in Sunflower County (the same county in which James Calhoun, a young Black man, was lynched last year). He personally receives at least \$100,000 in subsidies through the cotton price support program. This program funnels over \$800 million a year to agribusiness and large landowners in the Southeast, Texas, Arizona and California. While some of these payments go to the individual landowners, many of the larger shares go to corporations controlled by Northern interests, these include a number of banks and companies such as Reynolds Metal Company.

Eastland has been part of the Southern Bloc which has successfully resisted attempts to limit such programs. Eastland has also consistently opposed the expansion of welfare programs, food stamps, aid to strikers or any other measures which would ease the poverty of the working class or increase their ability to fight their exploiters. The Senator also opposes the repeal of section 14b of the Taft-Hartley law which would eliminate states' so-called "right to work" laws—such as Mississippi's.

What does this add up to? The Northern imperialists reward him and his cronies by allowing huge farm subsidies to continue lining their pockets. The Defense Department has awarded ever increasing amounts of contracts to companies based in Mississippi (but owned in the North) totaling nearly a billion dollars in 1975. Northern based finance capital continues to help develop the economy of Mississippi by expanding their holdings. Far from rebelling against control by outside interests, Eastland and his colleagues are welcoming Northern capital with open arms. His fellow Senator, John Stennis, was instrumental in bringing the new Ingall's Shipbuilding facility to Pascagoula. Ingall's is a subsidiary of Litton Industries (Northern based finance capital). The state was so overjoyed at this development that it financed the project by the sale of \$130 million in state bonds, which Ingall's may default on if it does not get some new Navy contracts. Senator

Stennis, who is the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is trying hard to come through with those contracts, as well as trying to renegotiate current agreements with terms more favorable to Ingall's.

In Georgia, Senator Herman Talmadge represents the "voice of the South." In his early years, he was one of the most vocal opponents of federal power and a rabid defender of "states rights." Although he has toned down his rhetoric over the years, his basic role as a lap dog to the Northern imperialists has not changed. While criticizing the federal budget as being "awash with red ink", he has served as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee which has authored much of the farm legislation which has helped push small farmers into ruin, while lavishing \$3 billion on agribusiness and rich landowners. At the same time, Talmadge has been a supporter of "rural development", that is, enticing Northern companies to build factories in rural Georgia in order to exploit the impoverished and unorganized workers in these areas. The success of this plan can be seen by the number of big corporations opening regional offices in Atlanta. Continental Baking (owned by ITT), International Harvester, IBM, etc. In Georgia, Lockheed has received a number of choice contracts due to the Senate connections of Talmadge and his colleagues. Despite statements to the contrary, Talmadge has been a friend to U.S. finance capital in its penetration in Georgia.

### **Rivalry and Collusion Among Thieves**

The role of these Southern politicians is clear. Even though they speak of "states rights", and "secession" they have no fundamental interests which can be clearly separated from those of the Northern imperialists. They facilitate the expansion of Northern capital in the oppressed Black Nation, and line their own pockets in the process.

The rivalry and contention between the Northern finance capitalists and the Southern landowners is also a reality. Northern capital has controlled the basic industries, transportation and natural resources in the South ever since their victory in the Civil War and the suppression of Reconstruction. Southern capitalists and landowners like the Talmadges, Eastlands and Stennises have long been "junior partners" dominated by the financial, industrial and military institutions of the Northern capitalists.

Rather than be crushed altogether by dominant finance capital, the Southern landowners

have chosen to accept the economic and political restrictions which bind them. Eastland and others constantly try to incite regionalism and reactionary interests in their favor with their talk of "Dixie", "secession" and "states rights." They use every ploy to maintain and increase their share of the plunder of the workers and oppressed masses, the resources and industries of the South.

**The interests of this tobacco worker, and the millions of other oppressed and exploited working people in the South, are in complete contradiction to the interests of the loyal servants of the northern industrialists, Senators Eastland and Talmadge.**



## **Undocumented Workers Win Arizona Citrus Strike**

Undocumented farmworkers in the U.S. have for the first time struck for better working conditions and won!

In successfully fighting both the growers and the state, these courageous workers destroyed the myth that undocumented workers will not organize and fight.

Conditions and wages are so bad in the Salt River Valley around Phoenix that most workers refuse to work there. In the groves where workers live there are no sanitation or water facilities. Open irrigation ditches are used both for drinking water and bathing.

Workers are hired by agents to pick oranges and lemons at a bag rate without regard to hours. This averages out to about \$1.00 an hour for most workers. The growers keep dishonest records, taking withholding taxes from the workers which they fail to pay to the government.

The first grower struck was Arrowhead Ranch in El Mirage, Arizona, a subsidiary of Goldmar, Inc., which is a real estate firm owned by Barry Goldwater and the Matori family. On the second day of the strike La Migra (Immigration and Naturalization Service), which rarely visits Arrowhead, raided the groves with patrolmen and airplanes. On the next day deputies with dogs arrested the strikers for criminal trespass.

The strike spread quickly throughout the Salt River Valley. Workers at the Fletcher Ranch struck over the same grievances. And again La Migra came in force never before seen in the area, arresting 120 workers in two days.

This border enforcement, selectively applied where labor dis-

putes are happening is a blatant example of the collusion of the bourgeois state and agribusiness.

The three week strike ended with Goldmar agreeing to some of the workers' demands. They got a 25% wage increase, daily pay (an important demand due to the notorious system of growers' bookkeeping), shower facilities, blankets, etc. The wages however are still far short of what was demanded and what is needed for a living wage. The workers also did not win any medical coverage.

across this country. Spurred by the Goldmar strike, work stoppages began in the onion fields and spread on to stop the harvest in cucumbers, beets and sweet potatoes.

Whenever undocumented workers were brought in as scabs, the demand "Organize them!" was raised and carried out. As a result, undocumented workers made up 25% of the strikers. This "unity" brought about the largest agricultural strike in Arizona history.

Now it is necessary to consol-



**In the citrus groves, workers organize their strike. For the first time undocumented workers struck and won better working conditions.**

### **A Significant Battle**

This strike at Goldmar's Ranch was a significant struggle for the working class. The strike directs a powerful blow at the myth that undocumented workers are passive, and unwilling to fight and organize. This myth has been strongly supported by the trade union bureaucrats as a cover for their unwillingness to take up the struggle to organize undocumented workers.

This strike strengthened the unity of all farmworkers as they join in the struggle against harsh working conditions on farms.

idate this unity. Agricultural workers including undocumented workers must be organized into a single agricultural union, the United Farm Workers Union. Bureaucrats like Chavez historically have opposed organizing undocumented workers and in practice this policy is still carried out. The bureaucrats of this union, like Chavez, must be kicked out of the union and replaced with class conscious leadership that will organize the agricultural workers on every farm across the country.





# Imperialism is the eve of proletarian revolution!

"The social revolution cannot come about except as an epoch of civil war of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries, combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements, including movements for national liberation, in the undeveloped, backward and oppressed nations" **LENIN**

## Workers' Movement

**ECUADOR** — An angry wave of protest is developing in Ecuador over the massacre of 120 workers, women and children during the sugar strike in Aztra in October. Various political parties and workers', peasants' students' and professionals' organizations have denounced the massacre, expressing solidarity with the families and demanding the resignation of the Ministers of Interior and Labor.

Demonstrators have occupied the town of Troncal, near Aztra. A strike of 15,000 workers in sugar factories in the provinces of Guayas and Monterrey have made economic demands, demanded the release of recently arrested trade union leaders and indemnities for the families of the victims. Violent demonstrations of workers and students in Quito and other major cities have occurred in support of the striking workers in Aztra.

**INDONESIA** — Massive protests against the reactionary dictatorship of Suharto occurred all through December. In mid-December, thousands of working people in the capital, Jakarta, carried placards and shouted slogans denouncing the fascist political oppression. The police and army were ordered to crush the protest. Police opened fire on the demonstrators, who put up fierce resistance and violent clashes raged in the streets.

Toward the end of the month, thousands of students joined in demonstrations against the worsening educational system and the savage repression and exploitation of the working masses. Military and police forces were sent to Bandung, Jakarta and Surabaya where the student movement has been intensified. But the violence and terror of Suharto's fascist regime will do nothing else but strengthen the determination of the Indonesian people.

**INDIA** — About 900,000 state workers have gone on strike in the western state of Maharashtra, virtually paralyzing government functions. The strikers are demanding cost-of-living allowances equivalent to central government raises which are necessary to meet rising inflation.

**GERMANY** — More than 400,000 German university students are participating in a powerful boycott against the educational policies of the West German gov-

vernment. The students are boycotting classes, and organizing demonstrations. The students are also protesting against various reactionaries who use the universities as a platform for their propaganda.

In the course of these struggles, the working and student youth are merging their struggles more and more with the struggle of the working class and coming under its leadership and discipline. The German bourgeoisie can offer youth nothing but unemployment, degeneracy and mobilization as cannon fodder for imperialist wars.

Only the proletariat and its vanguard communist party, the Communist Party of Germany (M-L) can provide youth with political consciousness, organization and discipline to transform its rebellious spirit into a powerful revolutionary force.

## National Liberation

**PANAMA** — In the past several months, numerous popular demonstrations were held in opposition to the "new Treaty" on the Panama Canal. The Panamanian people are continuing their just struggle to regain the Canal and refuse to accept a treaty which will allow the Canal to be occupied by the US until the end of the century.

**ZIMBABWE** — In mid December, 1977, Zimbabwean guerrillas made an assault on the "Grand Reef" Air Base of the racist Rhodesian regime which had been used to launch attacks on Zimbabwean villages and Mozambique. Over 20 enemy pilots were killed, including a captain. The guerrillas used rockets, mortars and machine guns and seriously damaged the air base runways.

Zimbabwean guerrilla forces have also completely destroyed a military camp near Chiradzi and put 400 racist soldiers out of action in a move against a military base near Umtali.

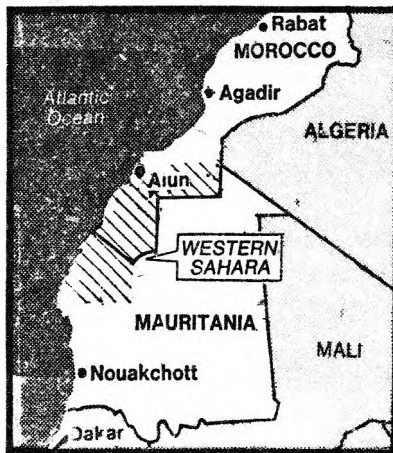


**PHILIPPINES** — A massive protest, both at home and abroad, has forced Philippine fascist dictator Marcos to

rescind the death sentences of Bernabe Buscayno (Commander Dante), Victor Corpus and Benigno Aquino and order a new trial. Buscayno is the founder of the New People's Army (the military wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines). Corpus, a lieutenant in the Philippine army defected to the NPA in 1970. Aquino is a former senator and the leading political opponent of Marcos before the latter declared martial law in 1973.

The trial has completely exposed the mockery of justice in the Philippines today. The military tribunal, which convicted the three, has exclusive jurisdiction over all political cases, and has created a situation where the military and Marcos are prosecutor, jailer, judge and executioner.

The three accused have formed a united defense. This is crucial because Manila observers believe Marcos intends to pardon Aquino as a smokescreen to execute Buscayno and Corpus.



**WESTERN SAHARA** — POLISARIO (Popular Front for the Liberation of the Sahara) liberation fighters now control almost the entire region of Western Sahara. The aggressor troops of Morocco and Mauritania have been completely routed in the countryside and are holed up in a few cities. POLISARIO has been fighting Mauritania and Morocco since Spain partitioned the country and handed it over to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975.

On the eve of liberation, foreign imperialists are not prepared to give up the rich mineral resources of Western Sahara. US imperialists have recently begun a massive airlift of arms and equipment to the armed forces of Mauritania. The French recently dispatched 1,000 troops to their bases in Senegal for use against POLISARIO. On three occasions, the guerrilla forces were attacked with napalm and phosphorus bombs from French fighter-bombers.

But POLISARIO has the full support of the people of Western Sahara, it is steeled in battle and its cause is just. For these reasons, POLISARIO and the Saharan people are confident of victory.

**PUERTO RICO** — Raphael Cancel Miranda, one of four Puerto Rican nationalists held for over 20 years in US Federal prisons, has been offered clemency if he would admit that his attack was wrong. But he refuses. On March 1, 1954 Miranda, Andreas Cordero, Irvin Flores and Lolita Lebron attacked the US Congress to demand independence for Puerto Rico.

"We don't recognize the legality of the US government over Puerto Rico." He said that if they accept clemency, "we are accepting that authority." On October 30, 1977 over 300 demonstrators gathered at Marion Federal Penitentiary to press for the release of Miranda and other political prisoners. In Puerto Rico and wherever people are fighting for national liberation, the four are a strong symbol of resistance.

The US working class should demand the immediate release of the Puerto Rican patriots still in prison.

## Socialist Construction

**ALBANIA** — Many working people in both the city and countryside will celebrate the new year in new, comfortable apartments. The increase in the number of apartments is an expression of the care of the Party of Labor of Albania and the people's power to improve the living conditions of the people and raise their well-being. Over the years, special attention has been taken with the construction of apartments in the countryside and during the sixth five year plan (1976-1980) 65% of the new dwellings will be built in rural areas.

In Albania, many new villages have been created since the seizure of state power by the working class to serve the needs of the rural areas and the construction of socialism. During 1978, the construction of new dwellings will increase over last year as the fund for state investment for this construction will increase by 50% over 1977.

**KOREA** — The Korean people with great joy and enthusiasm, have announced the reelection of Kim Il Sung to the high post of President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the sixth session of the Supreme People's Assembly. This election will help to insure the Korean people of the continuation of their revolution, the struggle for the reunification of their country, and socialist construction.